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**Borough of Longport to Dedicate a Bench in Memory of Philanthropist
James Klinghoffer at 11 am on March 17, 2022**

*Resident James Klinghoffer was a Generous Supporter of Numerous Organizations,
including the Borough of Longport and the Longport Police Department*

The Borough of Longport is continuing its tradition of paying tribute to residents who have truly made a difference in the community.

Residents and visitors will soon have a new place to pause and enjoy one of Longport's beautiful parks with the dedication of a bench at 11 am on March 17, 2022, at the Thomas B. Reed Park located at 28th and Ventnor avenues. The bench will feature a plaque in honor of the late James Klinghoffer who died in May 2021. March 17th was chosen as a fitting date for the dedication as it was Mr. Klinghoffer's birthday.

The long-time resident was well known for his sensitivity to community needs. Mr. Klinghoffer's generous spirit had a wide reach throughout the area. Some of his philanthropic endeavors included donations to: Deborah Hospital Foundation to establish the Edith and James Klinghoffer Nursing Scholarship; Jewish Family Services; Shore Memorial Hospital; the Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation creating the James Klinghoffer Neurorecovery Center; as well as many other local organizations throughout southern New Jersey.

According to Longport Mayor Nick Russo, Mr. Klinghoffer often responded when asked about his charitable donations, "Sir, I don't put or invest my money in monuments, plaques or stone; I put my money in people."

"So many people are grateful for his generosity, which has had a far-reaching, positive impact. The dedication of this bench is our small way of paying tribute to a great man who truly cared about helping others," said Mayor Russo.

Most recently, in May 2021, the Longport Police Department dedicated a HERO Humvee in memory of Mr. Klinghoffer for his generous support of the department.

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